

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A meeting of Mells Parish Council took place on
Friday 17 October 2014 at Mells Barn**

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1. **PRESENT:** Mr E Costelloe – Chairman, Ms R Wallace – Vice Chair, Mrs J Seewooruttun, Mr J Earl, Mr S West, Mrs A Moir, Mrs J Mann **In Attendance:** Joy Book, Clerk
 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr C Tye, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith, Mr V Turner, Mr J Price
 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
 4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – dated 26 August 2014 had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.
 6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **Vobster Bus Stop:** This has still not been done despite Highways giving a deadline for works as mid August. Clerk to chase.
 - b) **Removal of debris – Murdercombe:** All works at the site have been completed and the debris has been removed.
 - c) **Overgrown vegetation around village signs:** Some signs have had the vegetation cut back.
 - d) **Speeding around village/Speedwatch:** Three councillors have volunteered to train for Speedwatch and have received several proposed dates for training.
 - e) **Overgrown vegetation opposite Primrose Cottage, Lower Vobster:** Highways will inspect.
 - f) **Concrete on road – Mill Hill:** This has been removed.
 - g) **Compacted gravel hump:** Highways will inspect.
 7. **AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS TO INCORPORATE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY** (previously circulated). All in favour of adopting the change to incorporate the Social Media Policy.
 8. **PLANNING**

2014/10904/HSE: Brook Cottage, Top Lane - single storey extension on the side elevation, relocating front door to original location and a first floor extension on the rear elevation above garage and living room. Renewal of lapsed permission. For approval.

2014/2080/OTS: Hillcrest, Somers Hill to Mells Green – outline planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse on part of land belonging to Hillcrest. Ros Wallace and John Earl will assess.
 9. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL**
 - a) **Public footpath diversion FR10/59 – 2 Underhill Cottages:** Details of proposed diversion of this footpath have been received. The Parish Council are content with the proposed changes.
 - b) **Section 53 Application upgrade of public footpaths FR4/56 and FR10/9 to bridleway in the parishes and Coleford and Mells:** Application process has now come to end and the file is being closed and archived accordingly.
 10. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - a) Parishes Information Bulletin
 11. **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) **Potential World War 1 project:** The Parish Council is supportive of this project and have advised where relevant documents may be found.
 - b) **Concerns regarding accumulation of tree/branch debris by Hansons:** Jon Price has met with resident on site and written to Hansons with his recommendations.
 - c) **Mells Park Estate – Community Benefit Payment:** Trustees have approached Parish Council offering a £1,000 annual benefit payment which forms part of the

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planning permission for the Solar Array at Soho Farm. Clerk to establish whether this money can be accepted and for what purposes. Ros Wallace to find out whether the Trust would be in a position to accept the money.

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13. **FINANCIAL REPORT JULY – SEPTEMBER 2014** – No comments.

14. **ACCOUNTS**

a)	J Book	Clerk's salary (September)	£286.37
b)	Expenses		
		Trip to Mells (@ 45p/mile)	£ 3.60
		Phone line rental	£ 5.50
		Utilities	£ 4.00
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a)	Viscount Asquith's 1999 Settlement Trust		£147.50
b)	Glasdon dog waste bins		£557.28

All in favour.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Councillor training:** Alison Moir has attended the Being a Good Councillor course. Jon Price has not attended yet.
- b) **Apologies:** Chair will not be able to attend the November meeting. Ros Wallace has agreed to Chair.
- c) **Bus timetable:** Resident has raised concerns about the new timetable which shows buses running every 2 hours and in some cases every 3 hours which makes it very difficult to connect with other buses. Clerk to find out details of new timetable and contact Somerset CC and First Group.
- d) **Mobile phone signal:** This is poor in many areas of the village. Clerk to contact surrounding parishes for their support in contacting Ofcom to apply pressure to have a more local mast.
- e) **Finger posts:** Photos of the posts requiring attention will be taken and forwarded to Highways for a quote.
- f) **Telephone box – Mells Green:** This requires painting.
- g) **Hanson meeting:** Steve West asked whether there were any issues to be raised at this meeting. No concerns at present.
- h) **Tennis court and surrounding area:** This is very overgrown. Clerk to contact Rob Symes to quote for its clearance.
- i) **Car park signs for Recreation Ground parking:** This will be looked into.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 7.15pm in Mells Barn

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed..... Date.....

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